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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Cooper-Church Amendment

1. Scheduled for vote in the Senate this afternoon is the "Cooper amendment" to the "Committee amendment #3 of the Foreign Military Sales Act" (commonly referred to as the "Cooper-Church amendment"). Although only the "Cooper amendment" is formally scheduled for vote at 2:00 p. m. today, it is possible that once this is disposed of, the "Cooper-Church amendment" itself will be voted on.

2. The "Cooper amendment" is apparently designed to take the sting out of the attacks on the President's Cambodian policy implicit in the earlier language. It does this by:

a. changing the words in the title from "prohibition" to "limitation" of assistance to Cambodia;

b. stating that the limitation is "in concert with the declared objectives of the President";

c. adopting the date of 1 July 1970 (previously specified by the President as the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Cambodia) as the effective date of the amendment.

3. Aside from these changes in the preamble Section 7 remains unchanged. It provides that, unless otherwise authorized, funds may not be expended for the purpose of:

"(1) retaining United States forces in Cambodia;

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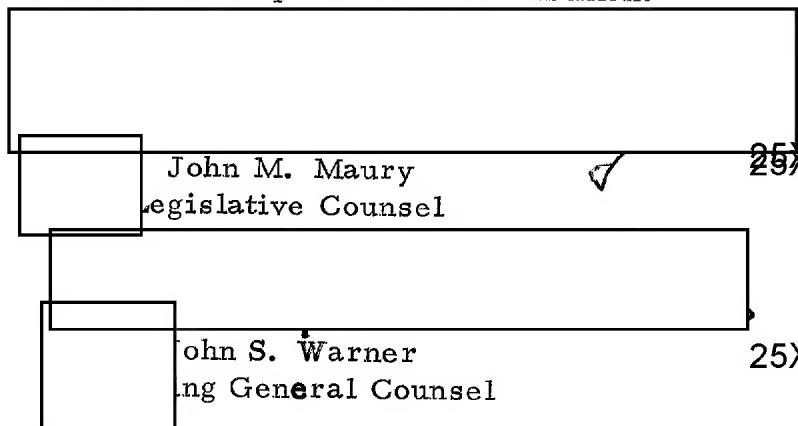
"(2) paying the compensation or allowances of, or otherwise supporting, directly or indirectly, any United States personnel in Cambodia who furnish military instruction to Cambodian forces or engage in any combat activity in support of Cambodian forces;

"(3) entering into or carrying out any contract or agreement to provide military instruction in Cambodia, or to provide persons to engage in any combat activity in support of Cambodian forces; or

"(4) conducting any combat activity in the air above Cambodia in support of Cambodian forces."

4. Therefore, so far as the Agency is concerned, our earlier comments regarding the implications of the Cooper-Church amendment still apply.

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